

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Matanuska-Susitna Borough****Project Title:**

Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Willow FSA No. 35 Purchase of New Equipment and Maintenance

State Funding Requested: \$ 30,000**House District: 15 - H**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

New equipment and maintenance

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$30,000**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This would provide for the purchase of new emergency equipment to accommodate new needs and replace worn equipment as well as funding the maintenance of structures, facilities, and equipment. A growing population means equipment is used more and experiences accelerated wear and tear and that equipment failures become more problematic. This will help ensure that there are ready and capable emergency services available to residents and visitors.

Project Timeline:

FY09

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Willow FSA No. 35

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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From: Lance Barve [Lance.Barve@matsugov.us]
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2008 2:15 PM
To: Sen. Charlie Huggins
Cc: Marvin Rankin
Subject: Willow Vol. fire Dept.

Hello my name is Lance Barve and I am the current chief here at the Willow fire dept located at mile 70 of the parks highway, this e-mail is to initiate contact with you all on behalf of public safety for both our constituents and on behalf of everyone who uses the area I call home as a weekend getaway or perfect fishing hole. Anchorage residents stop in or call for help from our dept. regularly and expect the level of services they receive at home, I believe we need to upgrade our building to include sleeping quarters so we can meet these expectations

Willow emergency services is in dire need of a consolidated emergency services building as we are currently located in three buildings here at mile 70 of the parks hwy. two do not have bathrooms or water for washing of hands or equipment. The building that currently has water is our three bay station that has one bathroom for the 18 firefighters and 20 medics that run out of Willow, the training room is a detached building that is nearing the end of its life as it is a old retired school portable that is in need of constant maintenance to keep the roof safe in the winter. We currently house 12-1 equipment at station 12-2, 10 miles away at the top of Hatcher pass because there is no room in the bay at 12-1.

We raise money primarily by taxes and with the tax caps in place have our mill rate spiral down every year. Station 12-1 is in need of a new building to protect the apparatus we currently have and to correct the many issues that exist because of the growth of willow and the problems that exists from the aging buildings we currently occupy. Please contact me with questions or comments as your help would be greatly appreciated.

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